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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 20th August, 2021.

No.POL.149/2021/3. - Whereas a number of complaints have been received by the Government of Meghalaya alleging unnatural circumstances leading to the death of (L) Shri. C. Thangkhiew, former General Secretary of the Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC);

Whereas the public grievances and anguish due to these complaints and allegations have caused widespread disruption of public order and has become a matter of public importance;

Whereas to address this public concern and with a view to have an independent judicial inquiry to credibly enquire into the circumstances leading to the death of (L) Shri. C. Thangkhiew, the Governor is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952);

Now therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Governor is pleased to appoint a One-man Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Vaiphei, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura and Chairperson, Meghalaya Human Rights Commission to inquire into the death of (L) Shri. C. Thangkhiew, former General Secretary of Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC), under the below-mentioned terms of reference:

1. To hold an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the police action on 13th August, 2021 resulting in the death of (L) Shri. C. Thangkhiew, former General Secretary of Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC);

2. To give a fact finding report as to the culpability or otherwise of the police action resulting in the death of (L) Shri. C. Thangkhiew, former General Secretary of Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC);
3. Any other circumstances which are relevant, in the opinion of the Commission.

The Commission may submit its report embodying the findings and its recommendations thereon to the State Government within a period of 3 months from the date of this notification.

The Commission shall formulate its own procedure, and may give to all concerned such notice of Inquiry and all the procedures formulated by it as it may consider necessary and proper. The venue of the inquiry shall be Shillong.

Having regard to the nature of the enquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, it is also directed that the provisions of subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 be made applicable to the Commission.

The Commission may be assisted by such officials, experts or bodies as it may require in connection with the inquiry. All the powers provided to the Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) shall be available to the Commission.

By order of the Governor,

M. S. RAO,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Meghalaya.